

# SAFETY FIRST

## PREVENTING STRUCK-BY ACCIDENTS

Struck-by accidents involve a person being struck by a moving object, vehicle, or equipment, resulting in injuries or even fatalities. To prevent struck-by accidents, it is crucial to implement safety measures and promote awareness. Here are six tips to help prevent struck-by accidents:

- **Establish clearly marked walkways.** Clearly define pedestrian walkways separate from vehicle and equipment paths. Use barricades, signs, and floor markings to designate safe zones, guiding both pedestrians and drivers.
- **Implement traffic control measures.** In areas with vehicular traffic, use appropriate traffic control measures, including signs, signals, and barriers. Ensure that drivers and pedestrians understand and adhere to these controls.
- **Secure loads properly.** Ensure that loads on vehicles are properly secured to prevent items from falling and striking nearby individuals. Use appropriate restraints, covers, and tie-downs to secure materials during transport.
- **Use spotters when moving large equipment or vehicles in areas with limited visibility.** Spotters can provide guidance to operators and warn pedestrians of potential dangers.
- **Wear high-visibility clothing.** Make sure workers wear high-visibility clothing, such as reflective vests, especially in areas with moving vehicles or equipment. This enhances visibility and reduces the risk of being accidentally struck. Encourage situational awareness.
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By implementing these tips and fostering a safety-conscious environment, organizations can significantly reduce the likelihood of struck-by accidents and create a safer workplace for everyone.

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